

Christy A. Frank

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ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Please complete and return the following questionnaire for our reference file on May Show artists.

FULL NAME: Cristy A. Frank

PRESENT POSITION

Full time metalsmith

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 12/13/58 Berea, Ohio

CATEGORY/PRIMARY MEDIA: Jewelry/ sterling silver

ART TRAINING (Schools, Scholarships, etc.): BFA- Cleveland Institute of Art. Attended the art institute from 1978-1983. Graduated with a major in silversmithing and a minor in lithography. Received an Horace Potter Memorial Scholarship in 1982 and '83. Received an Honorary Scholarship in 1983.

EXHIBITIONS IN WHICH YOUR WORK HAS BEEN SHOWN (include location and year):

Materializations, Nova, Beachwood Place, Beachwood, Ohio 1987
 Best of '86, Ohio Designer Craftsmen, Columbus, Ohio 1986
 Focus Northern Ohio, ODC, Sandusky Cultural Arts Center, Sandusky, Ohio 1984
 CIA Student Summer Exhibition, Cleveland, Ohio 1983, 1982
 CIA Independent Student Exhibition, Cleveland, Ohio 1982

COLLECTIONS THAT NOW INCLUDE YOUR WORK:

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AWARDS:

Three Rivers Arts Festival, Festival Award 1986
 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

We would appreciate having a statement about your philosophy and work as an artist—either general or something specific about the piece(s) selected for this year's May Show to aid us in the preparation of gallery talks and in the release of publicity materials. For more space, use the back of this sheet.

Texture is an important part of my work. Rocks, shells, and bones are references for me. Their surfaces are indicators of time and its passage. Primitive sculptures and masks hold the same kind of fascination for me.

Simple shapes which have been textured by rolling the metal, etching it, or both, make up the format of my jewelry. I'll then use sawed lines, or thin pieces of metal to create linear movements over the surface of the piece. Gemstones or disks of metal serve as resting points - a kind of point of contemplation.

I'm interested in creating jewelry that is an exploration into the human personality. I want my work to take the viewer on a journey and hopefully they will see themselves.